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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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Daniel Levy Chief Legal Officer Michigan Department of Civil Rights 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 3-600 Detroit, MI 48202

Dear Mr. Levy:

The Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs supports the passage of the Anti-Bias Crime bill, HB 4836.

The Advisory Council supports the bill and the inclusion of people with disabilities, and those who are victims because of a different gender preference, to come within the coverage of the Hate Crime Enhancement Act.

Sincerely,

Sook Wilkinson, Ph. D.

Chair